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SUBJECT:OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: DRAFT SUMMARY OF 18TH  
SESSION

REF: OECD PARIS 22439

1. DEPT. CAN ACCEPT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE REPORTED REFTEL.  
SECRETARIAT SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE AWARE OF US VIEWS ON TWO  
POINTS.

2. REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES IN JAPAN. THERE MAY BE  
A COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM AS TO INTENDED STATUS OF PARTICI-  
PANTS. ASSUME RODERICK HAS BY NOW GOTTEN GRANT LETTER OF  
JULY 29 (COPY SENT TO PACKER). USDEL MADE POINT AT 18TH  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING THAT ANY EVALUATION OF JAPAN-  
ESE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE BY PARTICIPANTS IN NOVEMBER  
TEAM SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PRODUCT OF OECD-SPONSORED IN-  
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VESTIGATIVE TEAM RATHER THAN REPRESENTING VIEWS OF GOVERN-

MENTS WHOSE OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE. THIS POINT WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT DISSENT BY COMMITTEE. OECD PARIS 22002 DOES NOT REPEAT NOT AFFECT THAT ASSUMPTION. IF PARTICIPANTS WERE TO SPEAK AS REPRESENTATIVES OF RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, NATURE OF MEETING WOULD CHANGE AND FORMAL ACCREDITATION BY DISPATCHING COUNTRIES WOULD BE REQUIRED. FOR REASONS EXPRESSED IN GRANT/RODERICK LETTER, BELIEVE SUCH CHANGE WOULD BE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE. TEAM APPROACH DOES NOT BAR "HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS" FROM PARTICIPATING AND BEING IDENTIFIED AS SUCH.

3. WASTE MANAGEMENT DEFINITION (PARA 4 REFTEL). SECRETARIAT OBLIGATED TO CLEAR COVER NOTE WITH MISSIONS OF COUNTRIES TAKING RESERVATIONS. FOR MISSION'S GUIDANCE, PURPOSE OF CONDITIONAL US RESERVATION WAS AS FOLLOWS: IF OTHER COUNTRIES TOOK RESERVATIONS, POSSIBILITY AROSE THAT PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION WOULD BE REVIVED IN COUNCIL. USG CAN ACCEPT TEXT WITHOUT A DEFINITION OF "WASTE", AS AGREED BY COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, IF DEFINITION IS INCLUDED, USG COULD ACCEPT DEFINITION ORIGINALLY CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT ENV (76)34, BUT NOT DEFINITION CONTAINED IN FOOTNOTE TO THAT DOCUMENT. LATTER DEFINITION WOULD BE MEANINGLESS IN US LEGAL CONTEXT AND WOULD PROBABLY BE EQUALLY MEANINGLESS FOR OTHER STATES WITH FEDERAL SYSTEMS. AS BROADER ISSUE, WE QUESTION WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY THAT OECD DEFINITIONS AND FORMULATIONS BE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE ADOPTED BY EC. IF THIS WERE CASE, FLEXIBILITY FOR OECD TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY SHRINK. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, WE CONSIDER THAT EC MEMBERS IN OECD ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY PHRASE IN (76) 34 "FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RECOMMENDATION." HABIB

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